

BEEAC PRIMARY
SCHOOL

LANG STREET

BEEAC 3251

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27 August: student parade will take place from 9.00am onwards. Parents welcome. POSTPONED. WILL GO AHEAD AT A LATER DATE

30 August: Colac SC school transition visit. POSTPONED
7 & 14 September: Grade 6 transition excursion to Birregurra
NEW DATES: 9th and 16th November

13 to 17 September: bike ed for big kids. CANCELLED

14 September: School Council meeting starts at 7.00pm. CANCELLED

17 September: school finishes at 2.30pm

24 September: likely date Friday before AFL Grand Final, public holiday.

7 October: Finance meeting 4.00pm start

11 October: Swimming, Blue-water term 4 11/10, 18/10, 25/10, 8/11, 15/11 PROBABLE DATE CHANGES

12 October: Council meeting 7.00pm start.

27 October: Wide Smiles dental visit.

1 November: school shut, professional development day all staff. Students will not be required at school.

2 November: Melbourne Cup

15 November: to the 6 December inclusive. Pre prep half day taster days

30 November: Colac SC small schools Grade 6 transition day.

30 November: Trinity Grade 6 transition day

7 December: State wide Grade 6 transition day.

24 March 2021: National NAPLAN test day including WA at 11.30am.

16 December: School Concert

17 December: pupil free day, school clean up

30 March to 1 April 2022: Beeac PS cluster: Sovereign Hill Grades 5 & 6 + three other schools

11 May: GRIP student leadership conference Geelong

13 May 2022: MSP photography .

26 - 28 July 2023: Beeac PS cluster Urban Camp Melbourne, Grades 4,5 and 6 students

Student of the week.
No student: Covid 3/9
No student: Covid 10/9

Beeac Primary School



Beeac Primary School is a child safe school

13 September

The last week of term 3.

From what I can tell, our families are still making the best of a somewhat confusing situation. In the ever changing set of rules, designed to keep us safe, nearly every child who is studying from home, is still turning up on Skype for a chat with their class mates each day, and having a serious go at the work that Paul, Kara, Merryl and Karen have been delivering around the core subjects of English and Maths. The little kids are now back and hopefully the rest of us will return to the start of term 4 starting on Monday the 4th of October.

For this week:

- Kara Wishart and one aide are back on site.
- Off-site learning continues to the end of term for the big kids with Paul, Karen and Merryl delivering Skype lessons
- The school bus will run as usual.
- The same arrangements will continue for all Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 students who have been coming in during the off site learning period. There are two categories of students allowed in:
 1. vulnerable students: do speak to us if you have concerns in this area.
 2. and students whose parents are essential workers. In most cases, for this category, (both) parents will need to provide an authorised workers permit from their employer.
- We will run a breakfast club.
- Visitors to school grounds should be limited to essential school services and operations. We ask that if parents do need to come in to our school grounds, they do not go in to classrooms. QR codes are available at all main entrances in to the school. Do please "sign in" with them if you intend coming on to the school site. The main office also has a sign in register if you don't have your phone with you.
- "The most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19, is to ensure that any unwell staff and students remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms". (P25 Operations manual)
- Secondary school students aged 12 or older must always wear a face mask indoors and outdoors at school (I'm including this point, to make it clear that it is not compulsory for 12 year olds in primary schools to wear masks)
- It is recommended that children under 12 years of age and students at primary school wear face masks when at school. (common sense would suggest that this also includes 12 year olds in primary schools too.)

Contact us any time if we can help with your child's education or well being. I've included a flier about an upcoming webinar about more serious mental health issues for families with secondary students. The session is for an adult audience.

This is a reminder that Book Week including the dress up continues to be on hold at this time

Bike Ed has been cancelled this year

School will finish at 2.30pm this Friday.

Welcome Sue Bath.

Elsewhere in this edition Sue Bath our brand new chaplain has published an article with some little steps that can be taken to build our resilience.

Congratulations to Hip Pocket Workwear and Safety, Colac.

Our Council have agreed to the updates to our uniform changes, and they will start officially from the start of next year. Firstly we are pleased to announce that from the beginning of 2022, new uniforms will be purchased from our new supplier, Hip Pocket Workwear & Safety. There will be some old stock that can still be bought from our uniform shop at school. Items which will remain the same, such as school pants, will be available at both outlets, until we run out of stock. However our stock will not be replenished, and our school shop will eventually close.

New uniform items will only be available from Hip Pocket. In particular, this will apply to our new school -shirt and soft shell jacket pictured here. The official start date will be from the start of 2022. For our new prep parents and parents who wish to purchase the new uniform items, the new items will be able to be purchased from the start of term 4.

Footy colours day Friday.

As a celebration for the upcoming finals, we will have a footy colours day on the last day of term this week. We encourage children to wear their team colours both at school and at home. Children attending school will need to bring their own food for the day. Because of Covid restrictions children will not be able to bring in any party snacks to share. However the school will provide individually wrapped, not to be

shared, party snacks as part of the celebration. The school will finish at 2.30pm..



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**Two school
grounds updates.**

I was hoping that by now we could have organised a first meeting of the back oval working party. Covid has impacted on this intention. In the meantime we are getting quotes to install a perimeter track around the inside of our school boundary. This track could be used as a walking or cycling track as our plans develop further, and assist in guiding what else might happen in a large portion of our school grounds.

As the enclosed picture shows, steady progress is being made on the front school grounds update. As the warmer summer

months approach the discrete class break out areas which are partitioned by dry stone walls, and which will be protected by a sun sail, will enable teachers and classes to meet outside to conduct classes in a safer covid free environment.

Mum and Dads Family business opportunity, or employment opportunity.

This is a reminder that starting from 2022 we hope to be invited to start an Out of School Hours Care Centre at Beeac PS. An expression of interest has been posted on our website. Alternatively, if we find a third party provider interested in managing the service, they will be interested in hiring people to run their centre. I would be very interested in anyone considering this as a job opportunity to contact me in this fast moving space.

If successful, commencement of service to the Beeac community will start on the 31st of January 2022.

Earlier school finishing time proposed in 2022

For a third and final time we are communicating our proposal to change the school finishing time from 3.30pm to 3.15pm starting from 2022. I have been unsure how many people are aware of this proposal, because of the disrupting nature of the covid shut downs. For this reason, last week, every family was sent an email outlining this proposal. I believe everybody is now aware of this change, a change which could impact on you family's organisation. I invite everyone to give us feedback, good or bad about this before we put the plan in place.

Term 4 hat wearing.

I love the way that many of our students are already beginning to wear their hats on sunny days, without being told to. For the rest of us, we will require every child to wear a hat from the start of term 4. Of course it's not just the appearance of the sun which means we need to wear a hat. As the summer season approaches, it's easy to forget that even on cloudy, windy days, the uv index will be high enough to cause permanent damage to unprotected skin. A supply of sun screen will be available for children when they are outside.

Free eggs in the holidays.

Our four school chickens are laying well and over the school holidays their eggs will need to be collected. If you'd like to collect some free eggs, let us know what days you would be available. If we have lots of offers we will organise a roster.

The chickens won't require food or water as they now have automatic feeders, so all you'll need to do is collect the eggs and check that the chickens all look happy and healthy.

Pre Prep taster days: they can't happen yet though

After consulting with our 2022 prep parents, it would appear that the day which suits everyone best will be Mondays. Starting on Monday the 15 of November and finishing on the 6th of December, we will welcome our preppies in for morning visits from 9.00—12.30pm. Our new students will sit in the class that they will be working in next year, and they will participate in a number of activities that will be different from the rest of the room. We also ask that each child packs a morning snack, and drink, but they will eat their lunch when they leave us.

As the title suggest, as much as we might wish it, present Covid restrictions will need to be eased before this activity can go ahead..

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS





A Victorian Government initiative in partnership with Foodbank

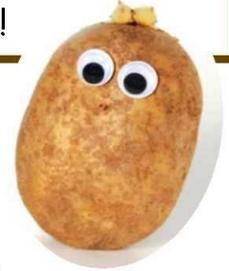
Term Dates	Start	Finish
2021 Term 2	19/4	25/6
2021 Term 3	12/7	17/9
2021 Term 4	4/10	17/12
2022 Term 1	31/1	8/4
2022 Term 2	26/4	24/6
2022 Term 3	11/7	16/9
2022 Term 4	3/10	20/12

Hi All...this is Sue. I have just been appointed as Chaplain to your school and am very much looking forward to meeting with you all hopefully at the beginning of Term 4. Meanwhile here is a little bit about me. I live in Colac. I have four

Do you like riddles?

Okay...Riddle me this...

A riddle, a riddle, as I suppose,
A hundred eyes and never a
nose!



grown up children
and three
grandchildren with
the expectation of a
fourth arriving sometime in
October. One of the things I

enjoy doing is walking. On my walks whether they are short or long, I like to see what I can notice happening around me. This week when I was out walking there was lots going on...ducks with their ducklings, lazy lizards sunning themselves and frogs singing their favourite choruses. Do you like to go walking or even out in your backyard there is so much going on at the moment...nature is very busy.



Thinking of each of you, Sue.

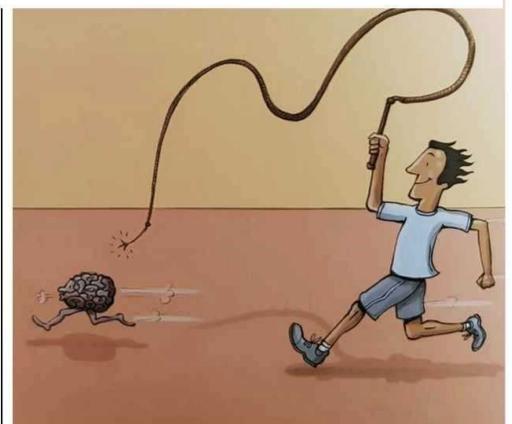
Walking...move at a regular pace by lifting and setting down each foot in turn...Walking

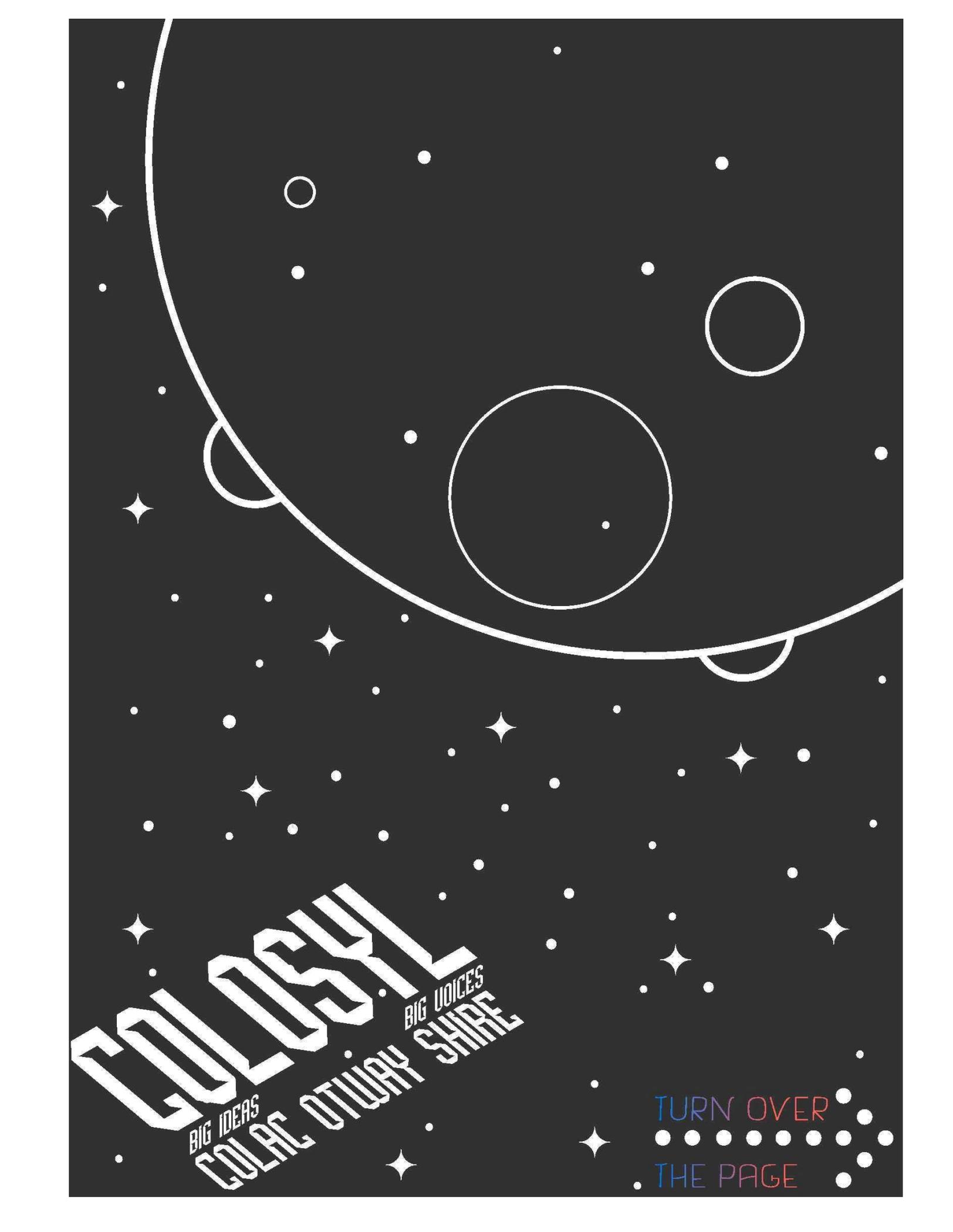
regular exercise is as effective for treating mild to moderate depression and anxiety as antidepressants.

Exercise can make a profound difference on our outlook. It boosts our mood, it helps us to lose weight, it can fight myriad diseases and it can also improve our sleep.

Around 30 minutes of physical activity daily is recommended.

The Big Little Book of Resilience by Matthew Johnstone.





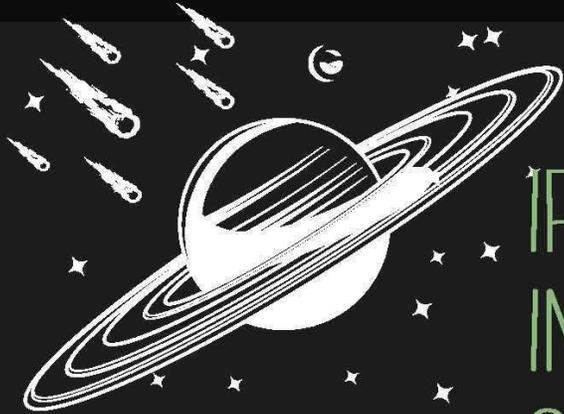
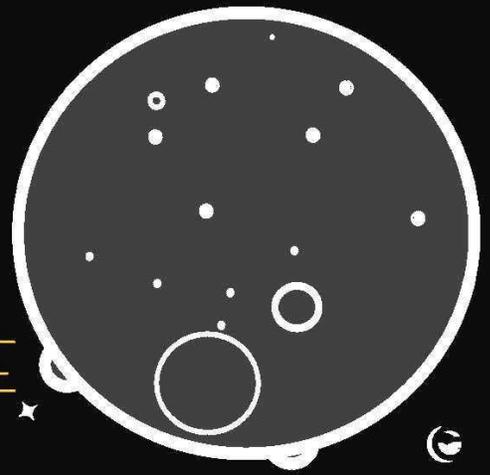
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BIG IDEAS
COLLABORATIVE SHARE
BIG VOICES

TURN OVER

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WHAT IS COLOSYL?

COLOSYL IS A GROUP FOR YOUNG LEADERS WHO ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT RAISING THE PROFILE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE COLAC OTWAY SHIRE.



CAN I JOIN COLOSYL?

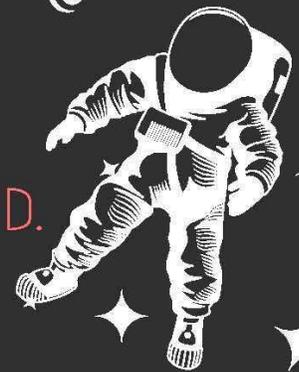
IF YOU LIVE, WORK, OR STUDY IN COLAC OTWAY SHIRE AND AGED 12-25, YOU CAN JOIN!

HOW DO I JOIN COLOSYL?

CALL: 03 5232 9400

VISIT: APOLLO BAY: 100 GREAT OCEAN ROAD.
COLAC: 2-6 RAE STREET.

EMAIL: inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au



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VicHealth

upcoming sessions



headspace is hosting mental health education sessions on ways to support a young person when you are concerned about their mental



Parents, Carers, and Community Members of secondary school students in the Geelong region are invited to attend a free mental health education session. This event is for adults only.



The sessions aim to:

- * Strengthen your understanding of mental health, and the warning signs that a young person is experiencing a mental health difficulty.
- * Strengthen your understanding of grief and loss, and some practical strategies to help your young person.
- * Build awareness of local, state, and national supports available.
- * Strengthen relationships between local area mental health services, local schools, headspace centres, and other community organisations.



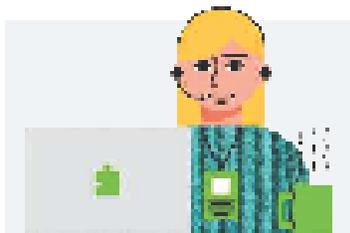
Geelong

Date: 14 September 2021
Time: 6:30 - 7.45 pm
Location: Online webinar
[Register here](#)



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Date: 27 September 2021
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